

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3245 - HB 3653

February 26, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the court clerks to include in their monthly report filed with the court and with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the number of defendants in termination of parental rights cases for whom the court appointed counsel; the number of defendants in termination of parental rights cases for whom the court waived the administrative fee; and the number of defendants in termination of parental rights cases from whom the clerk collected administrative fees.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, court clerks are required to file a monthly report with the AOC detailing the number of defendants for whom the court appointed counsel or waived the administrative fee, the number of defendants for whom the clerk collected administrative fees, and the total amount of commissions retained by the clerk from the administrative fees.
- Requiring the court clerks to include in the monthly reports additional information regarding defendants in termination of parental rights cases will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state and local government. While the proposed bill may require changing data collection procedures or require recoding of automated systems, these changes can be done with existing staff and resources.
- Any cost can be accommodated within existing judicial resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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